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State Fair has Women's Rodeo of the Year

The 2005 Wyoming State Fair had the best women's professional rodeo in the nation last year.

At least, that's what the members of the Women's Professional Rodeo Association (WPRA) thought when they awarded the Wyoming State Fair with the 2005 Women's Pro Rodeo of the Year.

The award was presented at the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, NV on December 2.

There are 25 to 30 women's professional rodeos throughout the United States each year. The WPRA holds its own finals in Fort Worth, TX each November. During the finals, the cowgirls have the opportunity to vote for a variety of awards, including the Women's Pro Rodeo of the Year. This award is then presented at the National Finals Rodeo every December.

The women's rodeo began at the Wyoming State Fair in 1988. Since its inception, the all girl rodeo has traditionally had more entries and a larger slack than any other women's rodeo in the nation.

Cindy Gruwell is the producer of the annual women's rodeo in Douglas.

"The cowgirls just love this rodeo," Gruwell said. "And we can bring it to them because of the dedication and determination of our great support staff at the state fair."

The Wyoming State Fair also won this award in 1996.

"It's really an honor to be given this award. The continued support of the Board of Agriculture and the Wyoming State Fair makes it possible to bring this award to the fair and the State of Wyoming," Gruwell said.

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